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Teaching trip lands BGSU's Kutz in hemispheric hot spot

An athletic training group including Dr. Matthew Kutz of BGSU left for Honduras in late June for five days of instructing the Central American nation's Olympic sports medicine staff.

That was before the Honduran president was escorted out of the country, a curfew was imposed and the American contingent was largely confined to the Olympic training complex in Tegucigalpa, the capital, for four days.

While the debate about ousted President Jose Manuel Zelaya swirled outside, Kutz and his colleagues squeezed five days of training into two before leaving the country a day earlier than planned, on July 2. Their departure was hastened by concerns that Zelaya would attempt to return from Costa Rica the following day, which spurred border closings, Kutz said. The Tegucigalpa airport was also closed in response to the rumors, sending the Americans on a six-hour bus ride to the northwest city of San Pedro Sula to catch the first available flight home.

"It wasn't what we thought it would be at all, but you have to be flexible if nothing else," said Kutz, who teaches athletic training and clinic management in the School of Human Movement, Sport and Leisure Studies.

The second-year BGSU faculty member had been invited to join the six-member contingent by its organizer, Jim Rumelhart, a trainer with the Xenia-based sports ministry, Athletes in Action. Ohio State University, West Point and the University of La Verne (Calif.) were also represented in the group, which included an athletic trainer/physical therapist from Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque as well.

Honduran Olympic committee members welcomed the Americans to Tegucigalpa June 27 with the news that Zelaya, whose four-year term ends in January, wanted to illegally change the country's constitution to lift term limits, Kutz said. He said the unpopular president had been told that if he tried to do it, he would be removed—and the next day, he was escorted from his house and driven to the airport, where he boarded a plane and was flown to Costa Rica.

While Hondurans went about their business for the most part—the curfew being an exception—Kutz and his colleagues took up residence in the training center. "We felt very safe inside the complex the whole time," he said, noting that the group did get out one day to tour the capital city.

In addition to what might happen if Zelaya returned, the biggest concerns were potential fallout from President Obama's statement of support for the president, because he had been democratically elected; threatened intervention by Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez—a Zelaya ally—and "just the unknown" amid political unrest in a country where the Americans didn't speak the language, Kutz said. But with Internet access part of the time and the ability to communicate by cell phones, "we never felt totally in the dark," he added.

They were supposed to work with physicians, athletic trainers, and massage and physical therapists at the national university, about two miles away. When the Americans couldn't go to the university, efforts were made to bring their students to the Olympic training center, but the expected 100 participants dwindled to about 40, in part because of the curfew, Kutz said.

The forced move from a university classroom to a cafeteria in the Olympic complex, and especially the need to condense the training from five to two days, brought out an "amazing spirit of camaraderie" in his colleagues, said Kutz, a former athletic trainer for USA Track and Field.

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"The six of us, who were total strangers before this, became pretty close through it," he said. "It was quite an experience for everybody."

IT security team stands between BGSU and interlopers

When students returned to campus, they brought along the usual assortment of dorm paraphernalia and clothing, stuffed animals and iPods. But, as happens every year, with their personal computers also came some unwelcome stowaways in the form of hackers, computer worms and viruses.

Not only could these invaders compromise BGSU's computer network and students' work, but so-called "bot" systems that amass control of computers could potentially be secretly installed—unknown to the student—and eventually used to launch attacks on other systems. "We don't want to be a part of that," says Matthew Haschak, the University's director of information technology security and networking.

Happily for BGSU—like the sheriff in a Western waiting to intercept the "bad guys" before they reach town—the information technology security team was on guard and watching for them. Working in a tightly controlled center featuring high-tech monitoring and multiple screens on which to track the action on the campus computer network, Haschak and his team keep an eagle eye on network utilization and the identification numbers of those interfacing with the BGSU network.

"With about 6,500 computers coming in with students and more than 9,000 BGSU computers on campus, we have a lot to manage," Haschak says. "We're constantly scanning to beat the bad guys to the punch."

The team was working during move-in weekend and had already been monitoring the "early arrivers"—athletes, music and graduate students—to "get a good baseline," explained information security analyst Brian Grime.

At the security center, various devices that watch over all the campus servers and Internet connection look for spikes in activity that could signal an attempted attack. The University has multiple firewalls to fend off attacks, typically taking 200,000 hits an hour. "We want to look to see what it's blocking—is the unusual activity an actual hack or is it because a computer is not configured correctly," Haschak said. BGSU uses the Audible Magic application to deter illegal file sharing, he added.

The center also houses BGSU's forensics lab, where Information Security Analyst Erik Evans and others examine computer hard drives and other equipment for evidence of illegal use.

While several years ago, hackers tried to break into systems mainly to show off, today the concern is identity theft, Haschak said. Other sinister uses of computer control also exist, keeping the computer security team on constant alert. One of the many colorful screens they monitor displays "hot spots" of criminal computer activity around the globe, and the team is in contact with colleagues at other institutions.

Of all their concerns, "what rises to the top is anything that involves a life or safety issue, which is rare," Haschak said. Second highest priority is given any compromise to the system involving sensitive information, and third is the threat of being invaded by a "bot" network, which is used by criminals to launch "denial of service" attacks on other systems.

Though it sounds like something out of a James Bond film, "it's all out there," Haschak said.

Fortunately, in recent years a number of factors have decreased some of the risks, he said. Software vendors such as Microsoft have improved their focus on security, and general users are much more aware. "We're all much more proactive to find these systems," he said.

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Be part of red-letter day for BGSU

Ground will be broken Thursday (Sept. 3) for the Stroh Center—the first step toward a revamped and revitalized Bowling Green campus.

The University community is invited to the 4 p.m. ceremony on the site of the future facility on Alumni Drive, between Mileti Alumni Center and the Visitor Information Center.

Construction of the Stroh Center will be part of the beginning of a new era for Bowling Green campus facilities, also including the Wolfe Center for the Arts and new and upgraded residence and dining halls. Stroh will be the home of volleyball and men's and women's basketball, as well as a venue for commencement, lectures and other activities. It will also be available for community events.

Following the groundbreaking, at 7 p.m., the football Falcons will play Troy in the season opener at Doyt Perry Stadium.

BGSU takes classes to community at new Levis Commons site

The University has extended its community outreach with the opening of classes at Levis Commons in Perrysburg. A ribbon-cutting was hosted Aug. 26 by BGSU President Carol Cartwright, who said of the newly renovated facility, "It's designed to bring education and services to working professionals near where they work, live and play."

All BGSU Levis Commons classes are aimed at professionals and adult learners and will be held in the evenings. Classes are in 1655 N. Wilkinson Way, behind Levis Commons shops.

The Professional MBA program began classes Aug. 24 with 36 students enrolled—a 50 percent increase over last semester. The collaborative Master's in Public Health program is holding three courses at Levis this semester.

Continuing & Extended Education (CEE) is also offering professional development classes and conferences at the new location. An administrative office will be open to the public from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays for information and recruiting.

Fall offerings through CEE include "Contextual Intelligence for Leadership Development," a one-day seminar for leaders, executives and managers that will be held Sept. 18. Taught by Dr. Matthew Kutz, human movement, sport and leisure studies, the seminar will help leaders learn to manage the business environment so their organizations can survive and succeed despite rapid change.

CEE is also offering a graduate professional-development course for educators, "Teaching about Germany: The Holocaust to the Present," with award-winning instructor Thomas Soro-siak. The class will be held on Thursdays, Oct. 8-29.

For more information about these programs, contact BGSU Levis Commons at 2-8182.

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Free football tickets offered for Faculty/Staff Night

Faculty/Staff Night at Doyt Perry Stadium is Sept. 26, when the Falcons take on Boise State University. Two free tickets are available to each BGSU employee, with the option to purchase additional tickets for only \$7 apiece.

Tickets may be picked up in Memorial Hall beginning Sept. 8. Employees must present a valid BGSU ID.

Help welcome multicultural and international students

The University community is invited to a reception from 3-5 p.m. Wednesday (Sept. 2) to welcome incoming international and multicultural students to BGSU.

A brief program will begin at 3:30 p.m. on the terrace of Jerome Library. In case of rain, the reception will be moved to the seventh floor of the library.

The event is hosted by University Libraries and the Office of Multicultural Affairs in partnership with the S.M.A.R.T. Program and International Programs.

September BG@100 open forum focuses on CSS security

The monthly BG@100 open forum on Thursday (Sept. 3) will focus on security related to the Campus Solutions System (CSS), the system for student administration at BGSU.

Set for 1:30-2:30 p.m. in 314 Bowen-Thompson Student Union, the presentation will address topics such as: What is PeopleSoft security? What are the steps for obtaining CSS access? What training do I need to complete prior to receiving access? Where can I find information regarding CSS security access? How do I know what access to request? How do I complete and submit a CSS security access request form? What is row-level security? What are the different roles in CSS? What happens to my CSS access request form between the time I submit it and when I receive access?

Project team members will also answer questions regarding BG@100 and the CSS implementation. Further information is available at: <http://www.bgsu.edu/bgat100>.

BGSU hires director for ice arena

Jeff Crawford, a former bank executive and longtime youth hockey supporter, has been named the new director of the BGSU Ice Arena.

Dr. Ed Whipple, vice president for student affairs, said Crawford's business experience and knowledge of the community made him ideal for the job.

Crawford, formerly a manager at Fifth Third Bank, played hockey for Bowling Green High School, coached youth hockey, served as an officer of the community's youth hockey league and is an off-ice official for the Central Collegiate Hockey Association. He also worked at the Ice Arena for four years while a student at BGSU.

"The arena still has a lot of potential, and I'm committed to helping it grow," Crawford said.

Before joining Fifth Third, Crawford worked in the insurance industry and was a vice president with Mid Am Bank. He holds a bachelor's degree from BGSU.

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BGSU Mortar Board chapter receives national awards

The Fayette Paulsen Chapter of Mortar Board at BGSU was among the chapters honored for their excellence last month at the honor society's national conference in Chicago.

The BGSU group was one of just 32 to win the Golden Torch Award, presented to chapters that are "superb, timely and go above and beyond the minimum standards throughout the academic year," according to Mortar Board, which recognizes college seniors for achievement in scholarship, leadership and service.

The 35-member BGSU chapter was also among 28 to receive a Project Excellence Award, granted to chapters with notable projects in the areas of scholarship, leadership, fundraising, service, a national "Reading Is Leading" literacy initiative, alumni involvement or Mortar Board Week. The chapter was recognized for its project, "The Living Book," which was a live presentation of the book "Hello, Freddie Falcon!"

Accepting the awards was BGSU chapter President Brittany Fiffick, a Spanish and political science major from Hinckley.

Chartered in 1969, the BGSU Mortar Board chapter was named in honor of Fayette Paulsen, a longtime administrator in the University's Office of Residence Life, in 1989.

CALENDAR**Monday, Aug. 31**

Tunes @ Noon, noon, McDonald Dining Hall. Sponsored by University Activities Organization.

Service-Learning Faculty Learning Community, 4-5:30 p.m., 201 University Hall.

Monday Night Trivia, 9 p.m., Black Swamp Pub, Bowen-Thompson Student Union.

Tuesday, Sept. 1

Men's Soccer vs. Marshall, 1 p.m., Cochrane Field.

Faculty Focus Series, "Reptiles in the Classroom: Service-Learning in Biology Classes," with Dr. Eileen Underwood, biological sciences, 1:30-2:30 p.m., 201 University Hall. To register, email ctl@bgsu.edu or call 2-6898.

Wednesday, Sept. 2

BGSU Firelands Welcome Back Picnic, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., courtyard between West Building and Foundation Hall, Firelands.

CFDR Fall Speaker Series, "Research with Youth Offenders: Past, Present, and the Future," with Dr. Marie Tisak, psychology, noon-1 p.m., 315 Union. Sponsored by the Center for Family and Demographic Research.

Demonstration of Early Alert and Midterm Grade Report, 1:30-3 p.m., 107 Olscamp

Hall and by teleconference in 1011 Cedar Point Center, BGSU Firelands.

Instructional Design Discussion, "Pragmatic Practices for Teaching Assistants," 3-4 p.m., 201 University Hall. To register, visit www.bgsu.edu/ctl/page10718.html.

International and Multicultural Student Welcome, 3-5 p.m., with brief program at 3:30 p.m., Jerome Library Terrace. The rain site will be the seventh floor of the library. Hosted by University Libraries and the Office of Multicultural Affairs in partnership with the S.M.A.R.T. Program and International Programs.

Biological Sciences Seminar Series, "Size Matters: Studying the Size Structure of Phytoplankton Communities Using Flow Cytometry," with Dr. Ben Beall, University of Western Ontario, 3:30-4:30 p.m., 112 Life Sciences Building. Meet the speaker at the 3 p.m. social prior to the talk.

Photochemical Sciences Seminar Series, "The Role of the π * State of Molecular Photophysics," with Dr. Ed Lim, University of Akron, 3:30-5 p.m., 123 Overman Hall. Refreshments will be served at 3 p.m. in 132 Overman.

Faculty Artist Series, with Dr. Nathaniel Zeisler, bassoon, and Robert Satterlee, piano, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Wednesdays in the Pub, 9 p.m., Black Swamp Pub, Union.



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Thursday, Sept. 3

Campus Fest, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Union Oval and University Hall lawn. To reserve a spot, register at <https://orgsync.com/forms/show/14768>.

BG@100 Open Forum, on security related to CSS, 1:30 p.m., 314 Union.

Administrative Staff Council, 1:30-3 p.m., 207 Union.

Student Health Service Party on the Lawn, 2-5 p.m., Health Center Lawn.

Demonstrations of Early Alert and Midterm Grade Report, 4-5:30 p.m., 113 Olscamp Hall and by teleconference in 1003/1004 Cedar Point Center, BGSU Firelands.

Stroh Center Groundbreaking, 4-4:45 p.m., Stroh Center site along Alumni Drive, west of the Visitor Information Center and east of Mileti Alumni Center. RSVP by calling 2-2401.

Pre-Game Event, featuring food and family entertainment, 5-7 p.m., Mileti Alumni Center. Cost is \$5 if pre-registered and \$10 at the door; children age 5 and under free.

Falcon Football Fiesta, with free food and live music, 5:30 p.m., Doyt Perry Stadium.

Football Home Opener vs. Troy, 7 p.m., Doyt Perry Stadium.

MFA Reading, with Laural Adams, poetry, and Matt Bell, fiction, 7:30 p.m., Prout Chapel.

Friday, Sept. 4

Caryl Crane Children's Theatre "First-Book" Event, featuring crafts and a caricature artist/face painter, 5-7 p.m., Central Lounge, North Building, BGSU Firelands. Hosted by Student Government and Student Activities. The event will precede the "Raggedy Ann & Andy" theatre production at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 6

Women's Soccer vs. IPFW, 1 p.m., Cochrane Field.

Monday, Sept. 7

Labor Day, Classes cancelled, offices closed.

Continuing Events

Through Sept. 3

Wellness Week, featuring free personal training sessions and group exercise classes, Student Recreation Center. Stop by the Wellness Connection in the recreation center for more information.

Through Sept. 3

Free Use of the Climbing Wall, 5:30-9:45 p.m. nightly, Student Recreation Center Climbing Wall. Registration and waiver required; wall membership and belay certification not required.

Sept. 4-6

Caryl Crane Children's Theatre Production, "Raggedy Ann & Andy." Performances at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday (Sept. 4 and 5) and 2:30 p.m. Sunday (Sept. 6), McBride Auditorium, BGSU Firelands. Tickets are \$4 for BGSU students, faculty and staff; \$9 for other adults; \$5 for schoolchildren, and \$7 for senior citizens and groups of 15 or more. For reservations, call 419-433-5560, ext. 20747. A "first-book" event will be held in the Central Lounge of the North Building from 5-7 p.m. prior to the Friday performance.

Beginning Sept. 5

Art Exhibit, "FOCUS: Area High School Artists," Dorothy Uber Bryan Gallery, Fine Arts Center. Gallery hours are 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 6-9 p.m. Thursdays and 1-4 p.m. Sundays.

Through Sept. 6

Art Exhibit, "Loss and Desire," Union Art Gallery. Gallery hours are 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturdays and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sundays.

Through Sept. 22

Art Exhibit, paintings by John Nativio, Little Gallery, BGSU Firelands. Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Through Oct. 4

Art Exhibit, "UpScaled/DownSized: Intimate and Meticulous Works of Art," Willard Wankelman Gallery, Fine Arts Center. Gallery hours are 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 6-9 p.m. Thursdays and 1-4 p.m. Sundays.

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FACULTY

University Libraries. Assistant Professor. Call Beverly Stearns, 2-7891. Deadline: Oct. 30.

Communication Disorders. Assistant Professor (two positions). Call Rodney Gabel, 2-7168. Deadline: Dec. 1.

Labor Postings

<http://international.bgsu.edu/index.php?x=facinfohires>

Contact the Office of Human Resources at 419-372-8421 for information regarding classified and administrative positions. Position vacancy announcements may be viewed by visiting the HR Web site at www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/.

Employees wishing to apply for these positions must sign a "Request for Transfer" form and attach an updated resume or data sheet. This information must be turned in to Human Resources by the job deadline.

CLASSIFIED

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www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/BGSU_only/page11151.html

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www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/cl_staff/page11145.html

ADMINISTRATIVE

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OBITUARY

There were no obituaries this week.

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